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ECJC Basketball 1977-78

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Girls' team...

## High honors reach 4 members of BB team

East Central Jr. College women's basketball players and their coach received many outstanding honors for themselves and their school during their 1977-78 season. Four players were honored for their outstanding play and leadership.

Pam Lee, freshman forward, from Neshoba Central, was the number one choice of the South division coaches as the outstanding player. Pam finished the season as the number three scoring player in the state with a 21.1 average.

East Central's freshman center, Charlene Jones, from Forest was chosen to the All-Region VII first team and because of her outstanding play in the Region VII Tournament at Cleveland, Tenn., made the All-Tournament team. On the State level, she was chosen to the second team All-State. She ended her first season of play with a 16.0 scoring average and 10.6 rebound average.

On a team loaded with freshmen starters, another honor went to freshman Carla Halley from Morton. Carla had a 11.3 scoring average and 7.2 rebound average and was selected Honorable Mention All-State.

East Central's Tammie Tadlock was chosen to play in the first Junior College All-Star Game at Holmes Jr. College. Tammie, the point guard, is the one who put the

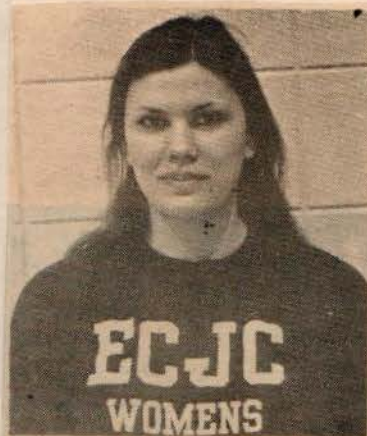
go into the team for two years.

The players didn't just go away with all the honors. Their coach, Lucille Wood, was chosen as one of the coaches for the first Jr. College All-Star Game. In another first, Miss Wood is one of the top twenty-two Jr. College coaches in the nation competing for the first Kennedy Enterprises, Inc. sponsored Jr. College Coach of the Year. Miss Wood is one of the two coaches chosen from Region 3 of AIAW. Region 3 in AIAW consists of Miss., Ala., Ga., and Fla.

Her coaching record at East Central since 1966 is 118 wins and 52 losses. Her teams have won three state championships, a North division championship, second in the state and has been in the State play off the last three years in a row plus two Region VII tournaments. All of this was done with players from Newton, Leake, Neshoba, Winston, and Scott counties.

Miss Wood stated, "I am pleased with all the honors these players have received this year. I know this will serve as a motivating force for our freshmen to be even better next year. Lee, Halley and Jones could give us that solid sophomore foundation for next year. With some hard work, they could make me forget Bender, Barnes and Lyon of 1976".

All student awards will be given at the All Sports Banquet in April.



Pam Lee



Carla Halley



Charlene Jones



Tammie Tadlock





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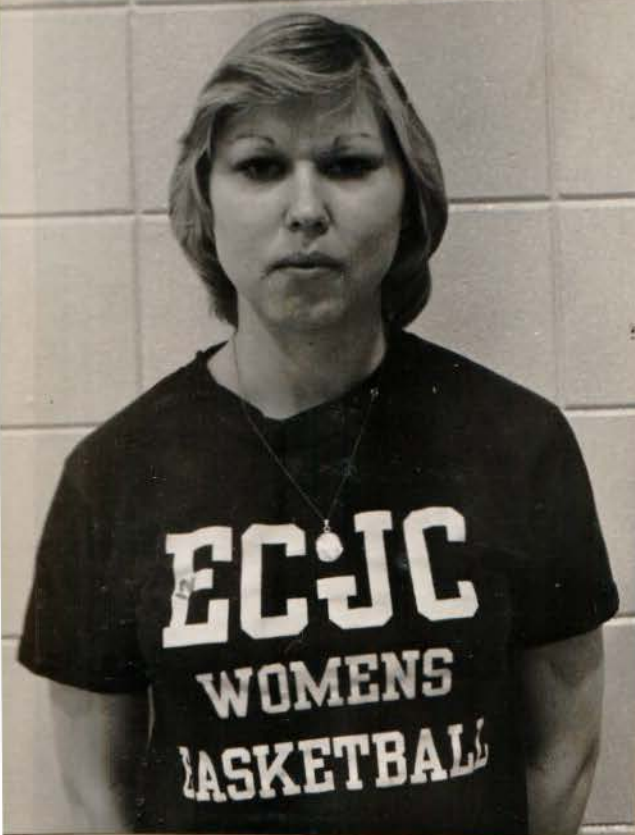
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# ECJC Women Open With Win

GOODMAN — The East Central Junior College women's basketball team opened the season with a 79-57 win over Holmes here Monday night, but the ECJC men weren't so fortunate, dropping a 96-78 decision.

"We were terrible in the first half," said ECJC's women's coach Lucille Woods. "We had a lot of mistakes and they led most of the first half. In the second half we did alright. I was pleased pretty much overall."

Pam Lee, a former Neshoba Central star, led the Warriorettes with 32 points, all on field goals. Tammy Tadlock of Morton added 10.

East Central will host Holmes

Thursday night.

ECJC men's coach Herman Robinson wasn't pleased after the loss.

"We were flat on our feet," he said. "We looked like we hadn't ever seen a basketball before. But we're gonna play better there's no doubt about that."

ECJC (79) — Cindy Pennington 0-2-2, Tammy Tadlock 3-4-10, Sherry Rodgers 2-1-5, Denise Kemp 2-2-6, Carla Halley 1-0-2, Terry Stowers 10-2, Charlene Jones 0-5-5, Jackie Tucker 2-2-6, Karen Hurst 0-0-0, Irma Johnson 3-1-7, Pam Lee 16-0-32, Sheila Ward 1-0-2, Phyllis Leflore 0-0-0.

HOLMES (57) — McGraw 5-0-10, Wilson 4-5-16, Bailey 3-2-8, Parker 7-1-13, Turnbow 3-0-6, Smith 0-2-2, Phillips 0-0-0, Drake 0-0-0.

ECJC (78) — John Burks 5-1-11, Wade Stowers 4-2-10, James Duce 8-1-17, Clifton Wilson 6-1-13, Gary Brazzle 4-5-13, Phil Shepard 2-0-4, Randolph Lyons 0-2-2, Terry Qualls 0-1-1, Mark Robertson 1-1-3, Melvin Atkins 1-0-2, Barry Upton 1-0-2, Keith Robinson 0-0-0, Billy Joe Patrick 0-0-0.

HOLMES (96) — Brown 8-0-16, Skinner 8-1-17, Everett 4-7-15, Rickey Everett 12-2-26, Lacey 1-0-2, Nelson 3-0-6, Harmon 3-0-6, Thornton 1-0-2, Flowers 2-2-6, Halftime: Holmes 51-33.

Nov. 7-77

By GARY YUNT

Clarion-Ledger Sports Writer

Ronnie Childers of Northwest and John Burkes of East Central are the top two returning players in the state junior college ranks, but in a pre-season poll of coaches, it will take more than just one player to win a divisional title.

Mississippi Delta, with four starters back from last year's 21-6 squad, is the narrow choice over Northwest and Childers to take the North Division with Northeast and Holmes following next in line.

## Jr. Colleges

In the South, Gulf Coast and Utica are the 1-2 picks with East Central and Burkes' 28.6 scoring average (last year) nowhere in sight.

Headlining the list of returnees at Delta are Charles Cole and Doug Schultz. Also back is Chuck Edwards who averaged better than 14 points.

Other players to watch in the North Division include Joe Mickens

at East Mississippi and Itawamba's Jeff Talley. Darkhorse status could go to Holmes, which has a pair of promising freshmen in Ricky Everette and Keith Brown.

For Utica to challenge Gulf Coast in the South, the Bulldogs will have to get a big year out of Artiss Berry.

Other players and teams to watch in the South are Co-Lin led by Curtis McNulty, Hinds with Donald Tillman and Richard Garrison back from last year's 11-9 squad, and Jones with William Dukes.

On the women's side of the ledger, coach Richard Mathis' Lionettes at East Mississippi are picked to repeat in the North Division with Coahoma and Itawamba posing the biggest challenge.

Heading the returning cast at Scooba is Jessie Brown, who averaged 29 points and 16 rebounds a game last year. Also back are Rendia Bennett and Annie Dale.

Other top performers in the North are Terri Bailey from Holmes, Lisa Ward from Itawamba and Judy Hughes of Meridian.

The South Division looks like a four-team scramble between East Central, Gulf Coast, Hinds and Pearl River with Utica owning darkhorse status with the return of 34-point performer Elaine McMillan.

East Central was the narrow pick despite the loss of three All-Staters.

Other players to watch in the South include Edna Purvis of Gulf Coast, Sue Sullivan at Hinds, Denise Shoemaker at Jones and Anette Avant, the lone returning starter at Co-Lin.



# JC Rebuilding Starts We

By BERNARD FERNANDEZ  
Daily News Sports Writer

With only one returning starter apiece, Coaches Bennie Kimble of Holmes and Lucille Wood of East Central are embarking on what might be described as a rebuilding season in Mississippi Junior College Conference basketball.

Both appear to have laid a solid foundation, however, if Monday night's season-opening action at Holmes is any indication.

Kimble's Bulldogs jumped out to a 51-33 half-time lead and coasted to a 96-78 victory over East Central while Wood's Lady Warriors bombed Holmes, 79-57, in the women's preliminary.

Freshmen Ricky Everette and Keith Brown sparked Holmes to its easy victory in the nightcap. Everette gunning in a game-high 26 points and Brown adding 18 plus seven assists.

"Our young kids did an outstanding job,"

said Kimble. "Ricky had a great night shooting the ball and Keith looks like he'll be the playmaker we need. He reminds me a lot of that fine little guard that played at Southwest Mississippi a couple of years ago, Billy Froehnicht. He's the same type of player — he can shoot, he handles the ball and he plays adequate defense."

Holmes was in early foul trouble as East Central went into the bonus situation with 15:57 remaining in the first half and the Bulldogs up by 9-8.

But Ricky Everette led a charge that ballooned the Holmes lead to 21-8 and the Warriors never recovered.

James Skinner added 17 points and Randy Everette, the only sophomore starter, 15 for the Bulldogs.

"Not only did Randy score well, but he held John Burkes (East Central's leading scorer last season with a 28.6 average) to just 11 points," noted Kimble. "Any time you hold a

guy like that to 11, you're doing a pre job defensively."

Wood's East Central women showed effects from the departure of three all from last season — Diana Lyons, Ja Barnes and Julie Latham.

Pam Lee, a 5-11 freshman center, looked new star after scoring 32 points and d ing the backboards against the short Bulldogs.

"We lost some good players, but we got good ones, too," said Wood. "I think we have a chance to be a better team than we were last year."

Tammie Tadlock added 10 points for while Jan Wilson had 16, Gail Parker and Donna McGraw 10 for Holmes.

In the only other MJCC game played day, the Mississippi Delta men sw Southwest, 80-66.

Doug Schultz drilled in 22 points, Cole 20 and Chuck Edwards 18 for the while the losing Bears got 27 from Hill rell and 13 from David McElveen.

## EMJC Teams Split In Openers 11-14

By WILL PRICE  
Star Correspondent

SCOoba — East Mississippi Junior College opened its basketball season Monday by splitting a pair of games with Jones Junior College.

The Scooba women started the night off right with a 99-71 victory, but the Lions were edged out in a 104-100 thriller.

The women's games saw EMJC lead all the way. EMJC led at the half 49-40 and steadily increased its lead during the last half.

Two former West Lauderdale

Stars led the winners with Debra Stancil pouring in 25 points and Kay Pierce 20. Jessie Brown aided EMJC with 21.

High point maker for Jones was Elizabeth Yeingst with 19, while Denise Shoemaker and Debra Farrior had 14 and Kathy Tadlock 10.

The Bobcats of Jones took a lead of 6-2 but the Lions came back to tie it 8-8 and went ahead for the first time with 15:51 remaining in the half when Lorris Lewis hit a jumper from out front.

The score was tied eight more times in the first half before the Lions roared away and led 60-49 at halftime.

Jones came out fired up for the last half and pulled ahead 65-64 with 15:24 left in the game. Both teams swapped baskets back and forth until with about 4:19 left the Lions' Eugene Sanders tied it for the

last time at 96-all. Jones then rallied for the win.

Leading the winners were Ricky Jenkins with 31, Terry Caves and William Dukes with 17, Dale Bowen 16, Danny Pulley 11 and Carl McInnis with 10.

High man for the Lions was Lewis with 25, followed by Joseph Mickens with 24, Howard Davis 15, Sanders 14 and Bernell Thomas with 13.

Both EMJC teams visit Pearl River at Poplarville tonight.

### WOMEN

EMJC (99) — Higgenbottom, 4, Pierce, 20, Stancil, 25, Brown, 21, Green, 4, Caldwell, 7, Bennett, 5, Taylor, 4, Wilson, 2, Eaton, 2, Stancil, 4, Deaton, 4.  
JONES (71) — Watergale, 8, McSwain, 2, Caves, 8, Shoemaker, 14, Farrior, 14, Cockerell, 8, Farrior, 14, Harris, 8, Tadlock, 10, Yeingst, 19, Benton, 4, Howard, 8.  
EMJC—49 34-38  
JONES—40 25-31

### WOMEN

EMJC (104) — Lewis, 25, Lucker, 1, Brasher, 5, Edwards, 4, Evans, 4, Sanders, 14, Thomas, 12, J. Coleman, 2, Mickens, 24, Davis, 15, Sanders, 14.  
JONES (100) — Yeingst, 19, Bowen, 16, Jenkins, 31, Thigpen, 8, Pulley, 11, Dukes, 17, McInnis, 10, Lewis, 25, Caves, 17.  
EMJC 49-40-38  
JONES 40-25-31



# Both Games To North

By BILLY TURNER

Star Sports Writer

GOODMAN — The Junior College Association took time here Monday night to showcase the considerable talent inside its ranks — both men and women.

College coaches walked the halls of Holmes Junior College, talking to a player here, a coach there.

They took time to play the first ever men's and women's junior college all-star games, and the North squads won them both. The North women won easily, 71-58, and the North men held off the South, 86-83.

East Mississippi Junior College's Jessie Brown once again proved — there's no question about it really — that she's the best woman basketball player in the state.

Taking time off from the Lionettes National championship bid, Brown scored 19 points and had 13 rebounds in 25 minutes of play to cart off the Most Valuable Player award for the North.

Meridian Junior College's Judy Hughes started for the North and was captain, but she had less of a good game than when she played in the Mississippi High School All-Star game. But she did have nine assists and four points. Eassie Smith of Meridian relieved Jessie Brown and had eight points and a like number of rebounds. ECJC's Tammie Tadlock had six points.

The North women jumped on top almost immediately, and the South never headed them. Oh, the South occasionally closed the gap, but then 6-3 Brown came back in, and that was that.

Brown was fouled the first time she got the basketball and hit the first of two free throws. She rebounded her miss, spun, and popped it off the board for a quick 3-0 lead. Hughes stole the ball when the South finally made it to its end of the court, drove and fed Brown, who laid it in for a 5-0 lead with 19:10 left.

The South was never that

close again. Hughes fed Kay Strickland of Northeast for a bomb from the outside, and the lead was 7-0.

A Hughes' basket with 9:29 left, her only bucket of the half, put the North up 23-8 and things weren't really in doubt. The North had 5-11 (and very powerful) Bertha Bass of Coahoma, and she grabbed every rebound that happened to bounce away from Brown and Smith.

Bass had six points and eight first half rebounds. Brown had nine points and four rebounds and Essie had two points, four rebounds, one blocked shot and a steal.

Those three were enough to take away what ever outside shooting advantage the South had. And it was questionable if it even had that.

The North got a 36-16 lead with 4:24 left, but the South cut it back to 38-26 by the half.

At one point in the second half, the North had the 6-1 Smith and the 6-3 Brown in a double low post which towered over the South. The South's tallest women, 6-0 Daphne Benson of Hinds, did manage to collect the Most Valuable Player award for her team, but she did it with eight points and as many rebounds.

"We knew all along that we didn't have the size they did," Lucille Wood, coach of East Central Junior College and assistant to Sue Ross of Gulf Coast on the South squad. "We had the little girls, but we didn't have a center to go with their girls."

"I'm glad that's the last time I have to see Jessie Brown. Now I guess I'll have to start looking at Deborah Stanci," she laughed, referring to the EMJC freshman guard.

"The North was just stronger than the South Division this year," South assistant Frankie Walsh, MJC's women coach, said. "We shot 60 percent in the first half. I thought, Essie played better than she has all year, and Bertha Bass is real strong on the boards."

"We were more conscious of

playing everyone. Everyone wanted to see Jessie play. I just wish we had all these people in MJC uniforms," she laughed. "I thought Judy was forcing it too much. She's a much better player than she showed."

Coaches from Memphis State, Louisiana Tech, Northeast Louisiana, Northwestern Louisiana, and Mississippi University for Women all were at the game to look at Brown. It is thought that Hughes is leaning toward the "W."

The men's game was boring for much of the time. The North jumped out in front and held that lead most of the time. Meridian's Ronnie Merritt saw very little action — even when a player was supposed to get 10 minutes of action per half — and didn't score. East Central's John Burks had four points.

The North held a 40-29 lead with 2:55 left in the first half, but saw that cut to 44-40 by the halftime.

At the end of the contest, the North held a five-point lead with 1:35 left, but the South cut it to one with 35 seconds left. The South's Most Valuable Player, Richard Garrison, had a two shot foul that would have given his team its tie of the second half, but he hit only one. The North's Charles Cole got a bucket just before the horn for the final tally.

The game was a financial success with over \$800 taken in and most officials see a future in it. If the game was moved to a more central location in the state, most figure it will at least live, if not flourish.

## WOMEN

NORTH — Jan Wilson 2-0-4, Kay Strickland 4-1-9, Jessie Brown 8-4-20, Bertha Bass 5-0-10, Debbie Hodge 2-0-4, Teisa Ward 4-0-8, Judy Hughes 2-0-4, Essie Smith 4-0-8, Gail Murphree 3-1-7. Totals — 33-6-71.

SOUTH — Elaine McMillian 1-0-2, Tammie Tadlock 2-2-6, Denise Shoemaker 4-3-11, Linda Newcombe 3-1-7, Sue Sullivan 0-0-0, Toni Byrd 0-0-0, Pat O'Neal 1-0-2, Ginny Ott 5-2-12, Daphne Benson 4-0-8, Kathy McKee 4-2-10. Totals — 24-10-58.

## MEN

NORTH — Chuck Edward 4-0-8, Ronnie Merritt 0-0-0, Willie Lewis 5-6-16, Doug Schultz 1-6-8, Terry Foley 1-0-2, Randy Everett 2-2-6, Jeff Tally 3-0-6, Ronnie Childers 4-6-14, Duane Garrett 3-0-6, Charles Cole 2-2-4, Danny Coleman 6-2-14. Totals — 31-24-96.

SOUTH — Wendell Weathers 3-0-6, Richard Garrison 7-3-17, Terry Caves 3-0-6, Curtis McNulty 6-2-12, John Burks 2-0-4, Hilton Harrell 6-2-14, Stanley Ratliff 1-0-2, Elton Brown 6-2-2, William Dukes 0-4-4, Steve Simpson 3-4-10, Donald Tillman 3-0-6. Totals — 33-15-83.



# Garrison, Weathers Nurture Own Stars

Coaches Bobby Garrison of Hinds and Bobby Weathers of Gulf Coast believe in the raise-your-own-star plan.

Their sons, Richard Garrison and Wendell Weathers, are playmaking guards for their respective teams and head the South Division All-State basketball team announced today by the Mississippi Junior College Conference.

Joining them on the all-sophomore first unit are Steve Simpson of Gulf Coast, Hilton Harrell of Southwest Mississippi and Curtis McNulty of Copiah-Lincoln.

Following in the footsteps of his brother Al, who also starred at Hinds and is now a member of the University of Southern Mississippi team, Richard Garrison led the Eagles to a second place finish in the South Division's regular season while averaging 15.5 points and 8.1 assists per game.

"Richard was the catalyst of our offense," says his father. "He was like a coach out there on the floor, and has been ever since he was in high school."

"He's been around the game for 18 years. Sometimes he'd recognize something faster than I would."

Wendell Weathers had the same type of steadying influence on Gulf Coast, leading the Bulldogs to the South Division regular season and tournament championships then the state tourney title.

He averaged 12.2 points but, more importantly, 13.5 assists to lead the MJCC in that department. In one game he had an astounding total of 21 assists.

"We never would have had the success we did without him," says Bobby Weathers. "Wendell was the glue that held our team together."

Heading up the North Division All-State men's team is 6-5 sophomore guard Ronnie Childers of Northwest Mississippi, the conference's leading scorer with a 24.4 average.

The remainder of the North squad, which like the South team is comprised of all sophomores, consists of Mississippi Delta's Doug Shultz, Holmes' Randy Everette, Northeast Mississippi's Kirby

McRae and Coahoma's Willie Lewis.

Among the South Division women All-Staters is Becky Lee, Hinds' 5-6 freshman point machine.

Lee led all MJCC women in scoring during the regular season, averaging 24.3 points per contest with a dazzling array of outside shots and darting drives to the hoop.

"Becky is just a natural athlete," says Hinds Coach Rene Warren. "She moves extremely well and, of course, she's a super shooter."

Others on the honor squad include Linda Newcomb and Ginny Ott of Southwest, Edna Purvis of Gulf Coast and Pam Lee of East Central.

Perhaps the single most dominating player in the MJCC was Jessie Brown of East Mississippi, who headlines the North Division women's All-State unit.

The 6-2 sophomore center averaged 23.1 points and 14.9 rebounds as the Lady Lions won 25 straight games in winning the state title. Since then they've added four more victories in regio;1 and national play and are now three wins away from the National Junior College Athletic Assn. championship.

Also on the North team are Bertha Bass of Coahoma, LaJuana Bates of Northwest, Essie Smith of Meridian and Kay Strickland of North. The MJCC All-State teams.

## SOUTH DIVISION MEN

### First Team

Richard Garrison, Hinds (6-0, So., 15.5 ppg)  
Wendell Weathers, Gulf Coast (6-1, So., 12.1 ppg)  
Curtis McNulty, Copiah-Lincoln (6-4, So., 18.5 ppg)  
Hilton Harrell, Southwest Mississippi (6-3, So., 24.2 ppg)  
Steve Simpson, Gulf Coast (6-6, So., 13.0 ppg)

### Second Team

Terry Caves and Ricky Jenkins, Jones; Donald Tillman, Hinds; James Duce and John Burkes, East Central

### Honorable Mention

HINDS — Roy Bowman; UTICA — Stanley Ratliff and Lee Ellis JONES — William Dukes and Dale Bowen; PEARL RIVER — Elton Brown and Jeff Cross; GULF COAST — Barry Barganier and Stu Serpas; SOUTHWEST — David McElveen

## NORTH DIVISION MEN

### First Team

Ronnie Childers, Northwest Mississippi (6-5, So., 24.4 ppg)  
Doug Shultz, Mississippi Delta (6-6, So., 16.6 ppg)  
Randy Everette, Holmes (6-2, So., 16.7 ppg)  
Kirby McRae, Northeast Mississippi (6-5, So., 13.0 ppg)  
Willie Lewis, Coahoma (6-4, So., 18.2 ppg)

## Second Team

Jeff Tally, Itawamba; James Anderson, Northeast; Charles Cole, Mississippi Delta; Bernell Thomas, East Mississippi; Garry Taylor, Northwest

## Honorable Mention

NORTHEAST — John Sanford and Ron Stinchcomb; MERIDIAN — Ronnie Merritt; COAHOMA — Duwan Garrett; ITAWAMBA — Danny Coleman; HOLMES — Charles Howard and Ricky Everette; EAST MISSISSIPPI — William Woods and Eugene Sanders

## SOUTH DIVISION WOMEN

### First Team

Becky Lee, Hinds (5-6, Fr., 24.3 ppg)  
Pam Lee, East Central (5-11, Fr., 21.1 ppg)  
Ginny Ott, Southwest Mississippi (5-9, So., 20.0 ppg)  
Linda Newcomb, Southwest Mississippi, 5-8, So., 17.0 ppg)  
Edna Purvis, Gulf Coast (5-9, So., 15.0 ppg)

### Second Team

Shirley Barnes and Barbara Turner, Utica; Sue Sullivan, Hinds; Cheryl France, Gulf Coast; Charlene Jones, East Central

## Honorable Mention

HINDS — Daphne Benson, Katy McKee and Cindy Winstead; PEARL RIVER — Toni Byrd, Rita Howard and Lanette Randall; JONES — Elizabeth Yelngst, Denise Shoemaker and Beverly Herrin; COPIAH-LINCOLN — Nena Brister; SOUTHWEST — Dawn Ash; EAST CENTRAL — Carla Halley; GULF COAST — Helen Meaut and Patricia O'Neal

## NORTH DIVISION WOMEN

### First Team

Jessie Brown, East Mississippi (6-2, So., 23.1 ppg)  
Bertha Bass, Coahoma (5-11, So., 18.0 ppg)  
Essie Smith, Meridian (6-1, So., 7.0 ppg)  
Kay Strickland, Northeast Mississippi (5-7, So., 17.4 ppg)  
LaJuana Bates, Northwest Meridian (6-0, So., 12.5 ppg)

### Second Team

Jan Wilson, Holmes; Deborah Stancil and Rita Higginbotham, East Mississippi; Judy Hughes, Meridian; Debbie Hodges, Northwest; Leisa Ward, Itawamba

## Honorable Mention

ITAWAMBA — Frances Ware and Gail Murphree; EAST MISSISSIPPI — Brenda Bennett and Kay Pierce; HOLMES — Donna McGraw and Gail Parker; NORTHEAST — Dixie Wiltshire; NORTHWEST — Glenda Bolton; MERIDIAN — Gloria Hickman and Mary Miller; COAHOMA — Debbie Mumford





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# EAST CENTRAL JUNIOR COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ROSTER 1978-79

NO	NAME	CLASS	HEIGHT	HIGH SCHOOL	COACH
12	Ester Thomas	Fresh.	5'2"	Louisville	Allan Goodin
13	Bobbie Collier	Fresh.	5'5"	South Leake	Robert Dorman
14	Velma Smith	Fresh.	5'7"	Union	Mike Noblitt
15	Carla Halley	Soph.	5'9"	Morton	Ray Riley
21	Faye Russell	Fresh.	5'5"	Union	Mike Noblitt
22	Charlene Jones	Soph.	6'1"	Forest	Haywood Reeves
23	Jo Lynn Elkins	Fresh.	5'5"	Morton	Ray Riley
24	Cheryl Gibbon	Fresh.	5'8"	Hickory	Richard Harris
25	Faye Quinn	Fresh.	5'8"	Noxapater	Johnny Pair
30	Joyce Watkins	Fresh.	5'8"	Lake	Bernie Kirkland
31	Kathy Keeton	Soph.	5'11"	Morton	Ray Riley
32	Mona Tucker	Fresh.	5'10"	Forest	Haywood Reeves
33	Irma D. Johnson	Soph.	6'2"	Scott Central	Sammy Pace

**Managers:** Skippy Latham - Freshman - Sebastopol

Jo Ann Darby - Freshman - South Leake

**Coach:** Lucille Wood



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East Central Junior College



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EAST CENTRAL JUNIOR COLLEGE  
The Warriors

NAME	NUMBER	HEIGHT	CLASS	HOMETOWN
Tammie Padlock	12	5' 6"	S	Morton
Sherry Rogers	13	5' 6"	S	Noxapater
Cindi Pennington	14	5' 5"	F	Decatur
Carla Halley	15	5' 9"	F	Morton
Charlene Jones	22	6' 1'	F	Forrest
Denise Kemp	23	5' 7"	F	Carthage
Karen Hurst	24	5' 8"	F	Decatur
Pam Lee	30	5' 11"	F	Philadelphia
Shelia Ward	31	5' 9"	S	Philadelphia
Phyllis Leflore	32	5' 8"	F	Carthage
Irma Jackson	33	6' 2"	F	Forrest

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Head Coach Lucille Woods

Managers Donnie Stuart  
Dorothy Hughes

Conference record 9-5  
South Division Runner up



MEN'S SOUTH ALL-STARS

NO.	NAME	HTS.	WTS.	SCO. AVG.	POS.	COACH/SCHOOL
23	Wendell Weathers	6'0"	150	12.1	G	Bobby Weathers, Gulf Coast
43	Richard Garrison	6'0"	200	13.2	G	Robert Garrison, Hinds
21	Terry Caves	6'2"	175	17.5	F	Ford Turner, Jones
33	Curtis McNulty	6'4"	205	18.5	C	William Lewis, Co-Lin
42	John Burks	5'11"	165	24.3	G	Herman Robinson, East Central
25	Hilton Harrell	6'3"	175	24.2	F	Oliver Young, Southwest
44	Stanley Ratliff	6'1"	165	15.8	G	Joe Nelson, Utica
35	Elton Brown	6'5"	180	15.0	C	Charles Rea, Pearl River
41	William Dukes	6'6"	180	15.1	C	Ford Turner, Jones
32	Steve Simpson	6'5"	185	12.1	F	Bobby, Weathers, Gulf Coast
34	Donald Tillman	6'6"	185	13.3	C	Robert Garrison, Hinds

HEAD COACH: Bobby Weathers, Gulf Coast Junior College

ASST. COACH: Robert Garrison, Hinds Junior College



# MEN'S NORTH ALL-STARS

NO.	NAME	HTS.	WTS.	SCO. AVG.	POS.	COACH/SCHOOL
44	Chuck Edward	6'2"	165	14.2	F	John Vickers, Delta
34	Ronnie Merritt	6'3"	205	16.6	F	Jim Redgate, Meridian
43	Willie Lewis	6'4"	205	17.1	C	Aurthur Fielder, Coahoma
35	Doug Schultz	6'6"	195	15.5	C	John Vickers, Delta
41	Terry Foley	6'2"	175		F	Ken Lindsay, Northeast
33	Randy Everett	6'2"	160	16.7	G	Bennie Kimble, Holmes
42	Jeff Tally	6'0"	170	18.9	G	Wayne Newsome, Itawamba
45	Ronnie Childers	6'5"	205	24.3	G	Ken Robbins, Northwest
23	Daune Garrett	5'11"	165	12.5	G	Aurthur Fielder, Coahoma
22	Charles Cole	6'0"	150	18.0	G	John Vickers, Delta
32	Danny Coleman	6'4"	175	14.0	F	Wayne Newsome, Itawamba

HEAD COACH: John Vickers, Mississippi Delta Junior College

ASST. COACH: Bennie Kimble, Holmes Junior College

# WOMEN'S SOUTH ALL-STARS

NO.	NAME	HTS.	WTS.	SCO. AVG.	POS.	COACH/SCHOOL
24	Edna Purvis	5'9"	140	15.0	F	Sue Ross, Gulf Coast
42	Elaine McMillian	5'8"	135	17.8	F	Mary Robbins, Utica
31	Tammie Tadlock	5'6"	130	10.0	F	Lucille Wood, East Central
35	Denise Showmaker	5'7"	131	13.0	F	Troy Bush, Jones
22	Linda Newcombe	5'8"	137	17.0	F	Linda Harper, Southwest
23	Sue Sullivan	5'6"	128	11.0	G	Rene Warren, Hinds
25	Toni Byrd	5'7"	125	12.0	G	Fred Roane, Pearl River
43	Pat O'Neal	6'1"	138	10.0	C	Sue Ross, Gulf Coast
34	Ginny Ott	5'9"	141	20.0	F	Linda Harper, Southwest
44	Daphne Benson	6'0"	135	11.0	C	Rene Warren, Hinds
41	Kathy McKee	5'11"	134	11.0	F	Rene Warren, Hinds

HEAD COACH: Sue Ross, Gulf Coast Junior College

ASST. COACH: Lucille Wood, East Central Junior College



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Place Held

Thursday Feb. 16

Friday Feb. 17

Saturday Feb. 18

1. Gulf Coast

8:15

8. Co-Lin

Gulf Coast

6:30

5. Southwest

6:30

4. Hinds

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7:00 S.W.

2. EAST Central

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7. Jones

EAST Central

8:15

3. Utica

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6. Pearl River

Utica

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Staff Photo By Russ Smith

Jackson State's Evelyn Bender tries to steal the ball from Narissa Reda of Texas Southern in J-State's 95-59 win Saturday night.



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Loretta Jackson of Texas Southern

Barnes applies the defense in the 95-59 Jackson State win.





DIANA LYONS

## Diana Lyons Named All Region III

Capping off a successful season for the University of Southern Mississippi Lady Golden Eagle basketball team, junior center Diana Lyons of Philadelphia, has been named to the Association of Inter-collegiate Athletics for Women All Region III basketball team.

The six foot one inch Lyons had an outstanding 1977-78 season by averaging 18.9 points per game and pulling down 13.2 rebounds. She was a consistent performer during the year and had personal highs during the season with 36 points against Jackson State and 24 rebounds against Ole Miss.

Designation to the team singles Lyons out as one of the top intercollegiate players in the nation.

Lyons came to USM from East Central Junior College where she was coached by Lucille Wood.

"Diana didn't get much recognition this year," says Coach Kay James, "but she was consistently one of our best performers all season long."

Coach James says one of the things that has made Lyons such an outstanding player was her defensive ability and her rebounding prowess. Lyons was the only Lady Eagle to average over 10 rebounds per game.

In addition, she was one of seven players from Mississippi named to the 10 player All Region team.

Others from the state named to the squad were: Ramona Von Boeckman and Annie Laurie Witherington both of Delta State; Peggy Gillon and Glenda Springfield both of Ole Miss; Lisa Bridgeman of Mississippi State and Renee Hoffpauer of Mississippi College. Valdosta State of Georgia also had three players selected: Susan Taylor, Sue Ann Christer and Carol Chason.

All 10 players will be honored at an awards banquet March 8 at Florida State University in Tallahassee, Fla.

USM will be represented at the banquet by Lyons and Coach James.

## Lady Eagles Win

OXFORD — Diana Lyons hit an 8-foot jumper with two seconds remaining here Saturday to give the University of Southern Mississippi a 60-59 win over Ole Miss in women's college basketball.

The Golden Eagles' win overshadowed a brilliant 33-point performance by the Lady Rebs' Peggy Gillom, who broke the school record of 30 set by Sheila Sullivan last year. USM led 31-26 at halftime.

Lyons had 22 points and 24 rebounds for the Lady Eagles.

# Miss Wood chosen coach

Miss Lucille Wood, women basketball coach at East Central Junior College was selected to be coach of the South All-Star team along with Sue Ross of Gulfcoast Junior College. This is the first year for the women to have a women's Junior College All-Star Team.

Miss Wood is a native of Louisville, where she graduated from high school. She holds the A.A. Degree from East Central Junior College and the B.S. and M.A. Degrees from the University of Southern Mississippi.

Miss Wood has been chosen one out of 22 finalists in the Nation for the Stayfree Junior-Community College Coach of the Year award which will be presented in April in New York along with the major college

Coach of the Year award; the Minor Coach of the Year award and the Margaret Wade Trophy award to the Outstanding college woman basketball player.

Since 1966 when women's basketball was organized on a limited basis, Miss Wood's teams have achieved a 116-52 record. They were State Champions in 1970, 1973, and 1976. In 1976 they were North Division champs and in 1977 placed second in the State.



Lucille Wood



# Junior College

## Lady Lions Choice To Defend Crown

### ECJC Gets Win

DECATUR — East Central Junior College's ladies whipped Mississippi College's junior varsity squad here Friday night, 93-82.

Pam Lee had 25, Shalen Jones 20 and Carla Holley 14 to pace ECJC. MC was led by Morton's 22, and Briggs and Wash with 15 each.

East Mississippi and Gulf Coast will be out to defend their division championships when the Mississippi Junior College Conference's women's basketball tournaments open a three-day run Thursday.

Site of the North Division tourney is Goodman while the South event will be held in Raymond.

Based on this season's records, the undefeated and nationally ranked East Mississippi Lady Lions will have an easier time hanging onto their North crown than Gulf Coast's Lady Bulldogs in the South.

A year ago East Mississippi had 6-2 Jessie Brown and little else in going 18-8. Brown, an awesome inside operative, averaged 29 points per game with one particularly notable 51-point evening.

Now surrounded by four talented freshman helpers, Brown is scoring less (22 points per game) while the Lady Lions are winning more. They are ranked No. 7 nationally off the strength of their 21-0 record.

"East Mississippi," said Copiah-Lincoln Coach Gwyn Young after his Lady Wolves had been routed, "is the best women's team I've ever seen in this league."

Brown is one of only five EMJC players averaging in double figures, the others being frosh starters Deborah Stancil, Rita Higginbotham, Kay Pierce and first-year reserve Bettye Simonds.

But East Mississippi Coach Richard Mathis isn't expecting to march through the North tournament as easily as Sherman marched through Georgia.

"The last time we played Meridian, we beat them by only one point (68-67)," says Mathis. "That's the team to watch. They're playing better than anybody in the North right now."

East Mississippi has a bye in today's first round at Holmes. Action gets under way at 5 with Itawamba meeting Coahoma while Holmes takes on Meridian at 7 and

### Women

Northeast Mississippi hooks up with Northwest Mississippi at 9.

In the South, Gulf Coast is again seeded No. 1 after posting a 15-7 over-all record that included an 11-3 South mark.

But Lady Bulldog Coach Sue Ross says that her team isn't nearly as potent as it was last season, when it went on to win the MJCC and Region 7 titles before finishing seventh in the national tournament in Hutchinson, Kan.

Gone from that powerhouse are Connie Winstead (now playing at Mississippi College), Peg Farris (Delta State), Angie Wade (Nicholls State) and Marilyn Poe. Edna Purvis is the only returning starter.

"It's a lot more wide open now," says Ross. "With the exception of possibly Co-Lin, any one of the eight teams in the tournament could win the championship. That's how balanced the South was this year."

No. 2 seed is East Central, which is buoyed by freshman stars Pam Lee, Charlene Jones and Carla Halley, while host Hinds must be reckoned with as long as guard Becky Lee is shooting well.

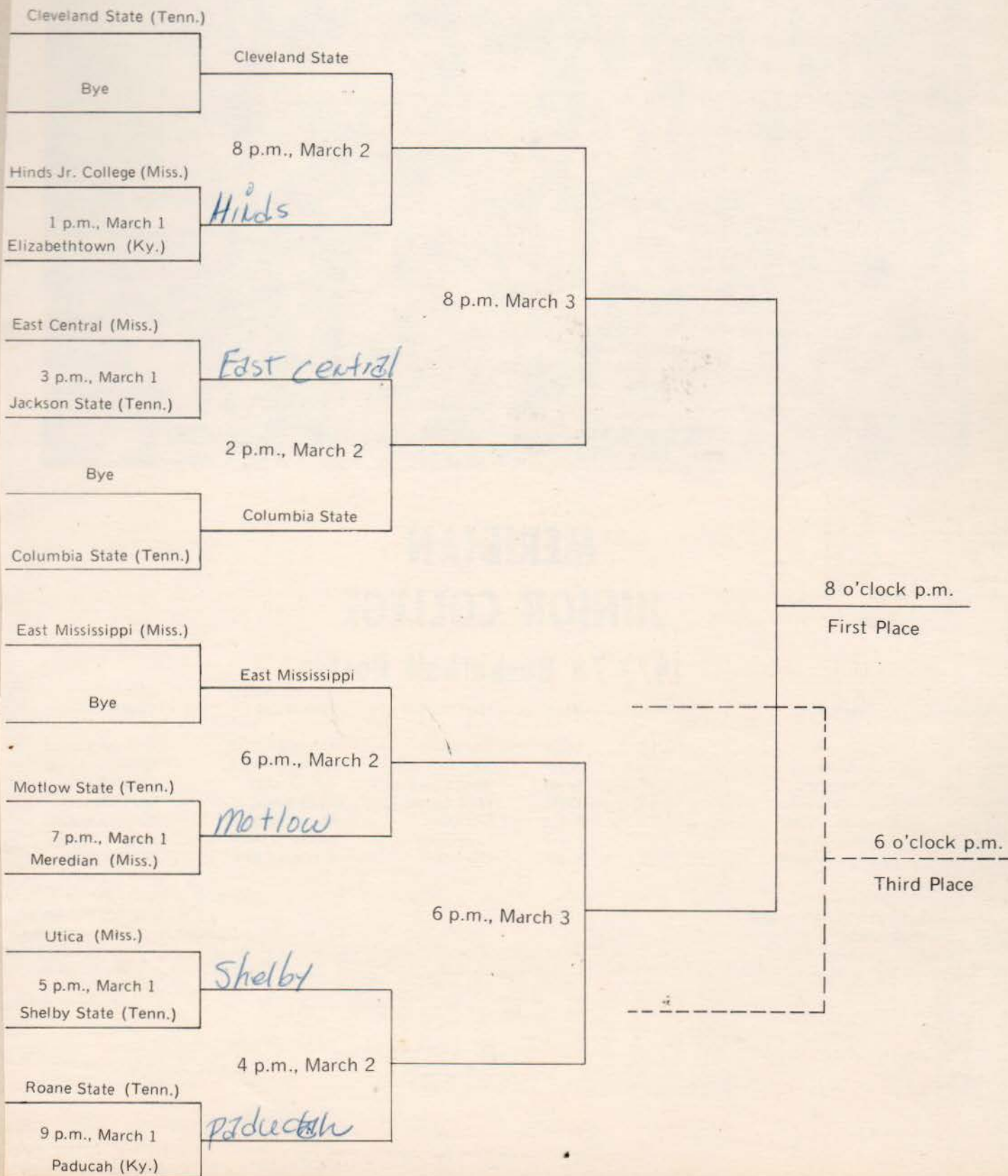
Lee, a 5-6 freshman out of Jackson Manhattan, is the leading scorer in the South with a 24.1 average. She's been remarkably consistent, too, with a high game of 34 and a low of 14.

"She's as good an outside shooter as I've seen in this league," says Hinds Coach Rene Warren. "She can really fill it up from as far out as 20 feet. And she's fantastic one-on-one, too."

Thursday's schedule had Utica and Pearl River leading off at 1:30 p.m., followed by Jones and East Central at 3:15, Hinds and Southwest Mississippi at 6:30 and Gulf Coast and Co-Lin at 8:15.



# NJCAA Region VII





## Girls' Basketball - the the success of Coach Wood

At East Central, one year the football team may have a good season or the boys basketball team may have the winning year, but there is one sport that consistently has a top team. That is the

women's basketball team. That success is due primarily to the coach, Lucille Wood.

Miss Wood was selected this year to coach the South All-Star team in the first women's Junior College All-

Star Team.

Since 1966 when women's basketball was organized on a limited basis, Miss Wood's teams have achieved a 116-52 record. They were State Champions in 1970, 1973, and 1976. In 1976 they were North Division Champs and in 1977 placed second in the State.

Miss Wood is a native of Louisville, where she graduated from high school. She has an AA degree from East Central and a BS and MA from the University of Southern Mississippi.

Miss Wood has an obvious concern about the success of "her players". It is important to her that the girls do their best scholastically, as well as do their best on the basketball court. She stresses good sportsmanship as an important attribute in her players. She is a constant inspiration to the girls to develop to their full potential in every facet of life.

Three players who have played at East Central are on the first team of senior colleges today. Diana Lyons, a member of last year's team, is playing for the University of Southern Mississippi and is one of their key players. At Jackson State, Evelyn Bender and Jeanette Barnes are starting players. These girls attribute much of their success today to the leadership given to them by Miss Wood.



# Coach of the Year Award Announced

## STAYFREE Coach of the Year

### Final Nominees

NOMINEE	SCHOOL	REGION
Don Perrelli	So. Connecticut State College	1A
Lucille Kyvallos	Queens College	1A
Pat Meiser	Penn State	1B
Rene Portland	St. Joseph's College (Pa.)	1B
Maureen Wendelken	Montclair State	1B
Marianne Stanley	Old Dominion University	2
Annie Tribble	Clemson University	2
Pat Head	University of Tennessee	2
Margaret Wade	Delta State	3
Ed Nixon	University of Alabama	3
Jody Conradt	University of Texas	4
Dean Weese	Wayland Baptist	4
Jinks Coleman	Louisiana State University	4
Mary DiStanisao	Northwestern University	5
Cindy Scott	Southern Ill. Univ. at Carbondale	5
Judy Akers	Kansas State University	6
Joann Rutherford	Univ. of Missouri (Colum)	6
Kathy Marpe	University of New Mexico	7
Jerry Laucanelli	University of Colorado	7
Darlene May	Cal. Poly Pomona	8
Billie Moore	U.C.L.A.	8
Elwin Heiny	University of Oregon	9
Connie Thorngren	Bolse State University	9
<b>SMALL COLLEGE</b>		
Donna Devlin	Worcester State College	1A
Bob Miller	Eastern Connecticut State College	1A
Vivian Stringer	Cheyney State University	1B
Barbara Young	Lafayette College	1B
Peggy Birmingham	Union University	2
Sylvia Rhyne	Francis Marion College	2
Ellen Evans	Shorter College	3
Jim Culpepper	Georgia Tech	3
Dr. Margaret Downing	Southern Arkansas University	4
John Keely	N.W. Oklahoma State	4
Jean Dowell	College of Mt. St. Joseph	6
Maryalyce Jeremiah	Cedarville College	5
Joanne Bracken	Midland Lutheran College	6
Leonard Ranson	Mt. Mercy College	6
Bob Spencer	William Penn College	6
Joy Peterson	So. Utah State College	7
Laura Golden	Colorado College	7
Patty Meyers	Pepperdine College	8
Betty Norman	Biola College	8
Cathy Bendetto	Seattle University	8
Jean Anderson	Whitworth College	9
<b>JUNIOR-COMMUNITY COLLEGE</b>		
Michele Stern	Bronx Community College	1A
Lamar Vovier	Manhattan Community College	1A
Ruby Carmon	Luzerne County Comm. College	1B
Carol Eustis	Essex Community College	1B
Dr. Rose Battaglia	Bergen Community College	1B
Frankie Porter	Anderson Junior College	2
Hugh Walker	Cleveland State (Tenn.) Comm. College	2
Frankie Walsh	Meridian Junior College	3
Lucille Wood	East Central Junior College	3
Mary Ann Otwell	Panola Junior College	4
Pat Ramsey	Seminole Junior College	4
Betty Jo Crumm	Weatherford Junior College	4
Frances Garmon	Temple Junior College	4
Lorene Ramsey	Illinois Central College	5
Nancy Dash	C.S. Mott Community College	5
Max Reinke	N.D. State School of Science	6
Phil Rabon	Williston Community College	6
Lin L. Laursen	Central Arizona College	7
Ann Bricker	Snow College	7
Mary Semeraro	El Camino College	8
Colleen Riley	Fullerton Junior College	8
Jim Collins	Wenatchee Junior College	9